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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Development Branch, Development Projects Division  
SUBJECT : Substitution of C-123 for C-119 in Connection with  
Perkin-Elmer Requirement

1. I had a call from Kelly Johnson early the week of 6 November with a modest complaint about the substitution of a C-123 for the C-119 he had expected for Rod Scott's requirement.

2. It seems that once he heard of the requirement Kelly turned one hundred of his barefoot engineers loose on engineering designs necessary to configure the 119 to accept Rod Scott's payload. All of this engineering work is complete, and says Kelly, "Now you tell me you are sending me a C-123!"

3. Kelly forecast that he would have to do the whole engineering job over again on the C-123, thus losing time and doubling the cost. I have no idea what dollars are represented by the work done on the C-119 project, but thought I would notify you of it so that when the engineering bill came in you would not be too surprised.

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